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THE PERFDY OF IT.

The practical endorsement of polygamy by the thousands that attended conference was disappointing, but it should not have been surprising to such as are familiar with the workings of the Mormon system. Polygamy is the real cement of the system. It has been so since the kingdom was first established in Nauvoo. When the manifesto of President Woodruff was issued it was pointed out that it merely suspended, it did not revoke the tenet of the Mormon faith; that any subsequent President could restore things as they always had been by simply announcing that the suppression had been revoked.

Of course, President Woodruff and the present President of the church declared, under oath, that it meant not only a revocation of the original tenet, but that it was meant to apply to polygamous relations as well as to further polygamous marriages, and it was proclaimed with much vehemence that the decree came as much from pressure within the church as from the warfare from the outside. It has been plain for years that no matter what were the protestations made at the time there was no intention of doing away with polygamous relations, it has been plain enough for three or four years that polygamous marriages are being solemnized. Every Mormon in the state knows that Joseph F. Smith declared in Washington that he was living regardless of the laws of the state and of the Divine law; every Mormon, we presume, is satisfied that at least two of the apostles have added to their harems within the last few years. And now the whole Mormon people have sustained all these men in their "holy" offices and by the act have practically proclaimed that they endorse plural marriage as much as they ever did. Had these men been guilty of horse-stealing or burglary, or any other felony, they would hardly have been sustained; that they were sustained is clear proof that the masses of the Mormon people do not look upon plural marriage as a wrong, but rather as but the carrying out of the original command.

The pledges made by the chiefs and endorsed by the people, in order to obtain statehood, of course they hold as but a good joke practiced upon the government of the United States, and the Gentile of Utah, who made the obtaining of statehood for them possible.

The business has no parallel, so far as we have read, in the histories of the governments of the earth, no such perfidy was ever displayed toward a merciful government.

And yet Apostle Lyman, in the tabernacle last week, was effusive in his declaration of loyalty to the government of the United States.

A BOOM ON THE WAY.

Property is up in the clouds in both, San Francisco and Los Angeles. It is by comparison very cheap in this city. Still it is clear that this is the only place for a city within six hundred miles in either direction. Hence we believe the rumor that the men of capital in both the western cities are preparing to raid Salt Lake and start a real estate boom.

If they should it would not be a month until the eastern cities, where capital is abundant, would catch the infection and join in the work. We hear much of Tonopah, Goldfield and Bullfrog districts in Nevada, and there is no doubt that a mining boom unprecedented since the White Pine scramble, and chaos is on. But so far in the last two named districts the speculators are dealing in futures almost exclusively. Men are buying stock on a hope of what is to be. But in this more than half the money is coming from the east. This shows how alert is capital and how anxious are the men of the east, who have money, to invest it where there is a hope of better return than can be realized at home. Hence let it be known that there is a determined movement in real estate in this city, that the men of the west are moving in it, and the men of the east will respond as they did in the seventies when Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, and a dozen other cities were transformed so rapidly that the breath of old residents was taken away.

We believe that a boom is already forming, as the weather signal men would say, and that its center will, within a brief time, be over Salt Lake. It would not surprise us if it dates from the coming of the first train announcing that the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road is in commission and ready for business.

There have been some rather gloomy portents of late, but they are liable to be only the clouds preceeding a glorified dawn. We do not believe that this city is much longer to be held back. It has the site, the air, the springs, the lake, the mountains, the valley, and when the smelters will permit, the sunshine, that no other spot on the continent can rival. It is not an ignis-fatuus that men see, it is the coming day.

FOR THE SANITARIUM.

Our belief is that if a few of our strong business men will combine, go to work in earnest, secure a bond on the Beck Springs and the table land above, organize a company and, taking with them the proofs of the efficacy of the curative properties of the waters of the springs, and the especial superiority of this climate, they can get the whole amount needed to erect a great sanitarium. With that done and with a little judicious advertising, from that source alone the population and wealth of this city would be doubled in five years.

All that is needed is to get the crowd this way and then to have plenty of water to entertain the host on its coming.

The waters of the Beck Springs, springs have not a property of medicine. That these springs do not contain, and that they are located in the humid air of Arkansas. There is no great Salt Lake there, no snow-capped Wasatch range of mountains, no soft, dry air, which is a perpetual tonic to weak lungs.

Now that the new road is about to be put in commission is the time for action. Los Angeles makes half her living out of her climate. If the people who throng that way can be made to see that this is a better climate than any sea shore in the world offers, they will stop here. When the truth is fully proven to them they will build homes here. There are enough of such people, with much money and poor health to double the number of people here in five years. The only thing is to provide for their coming and to make clear that the advantages claimed for this point are real, and there ought to be enough enterprise in this city to launch the enterprise.

HAVING A GOOD TIME.

The President is having the time of his life down with the cow-boys, telling them how to bring up children, showing them how to shoot wolves, taking the most approved consumption treatment—living in the open air, sleeping on the porch and eating corn-bred, bacon and eggs—and forgetting that there is any San Domingo, or Venezuela, or clamoring politicians. He is giving his kingdom for a horse nowadays, a horse and gun; he is hunting out the wild beasts that hearing of his coming are hunting their holes. And he is wearing out his old clothes and laughing his tailor to scorn. All the time, too, he is giving young Texas and young Oklahoma an object lesson in how it is possible for a President to be a cow-boy, the reverse of which of course is how a cow-boy, sometimes, if he has the brain and the sand and the assurance and the perseverance and the luck may become a President. And more than one Texan boy will study harder next term at school and be more careful of deportment because of that object lesson. And the older Texans will more thoroughly comprehend than ever before that all the difference between the northmen and the southmen is the difference in their prejudices, and that the man who does not include all his country in his thoughts, is, after all, only half an American. And the President will be back in time to speak at a few college commencements; to decorate some graves on Memorial day and then be ready for any emergency that may require a soft walk and a big stick. There never was such an all-around President before as the one who is now at the helm, and all the world knows that fact.

STERILIZING WATER.

It is very common for reservoirs, especially in counties where there is much rain, to become foul through organic matter that finds its way into the most carefully constructed reservoirs. The particular scientific term for the enemy is called "Alyas." Vast sums have been expended in trying to cleanse reservoirs in vain; in some places they